

Project Profile



Location:
7110 John Bum Road
Huntingdon, PA
alpacanation.com

County:
Huntingdon

Description:
Business Development

Total Project Cost:
\$174,054



Terrace Mountain Alpacas



People:

When Robert Baker, and his sons Daryl and Trevor, decided to join the growing trend toward agri-tourism, it was easy to pick an animal to raise. Alpacas are beautiful, gentle creatures that produce valuable fleece and can be bred and sold profitably. Plus an alpaca farm is a draw for school field trips and interstate tourists alike. The family wrote a compelling business plan with help from the Saint Francis University Small Business Development Center, but a bank turned them down, saying it would take too long for revenue to grow.

Progress:

The Bakers called The Progress Fund. “The Progress Fund was willing to give us the

necessary time to make a go of it,” says Daryl. The Progress Fund is lending \$105,000 and providing marketing and public relations coaching.

Impact:

The Bakers expect to eventually have approximately 40 alpacas on site, and to utilize local supplies and services. In addition to producing fleece and breeding, the farm will add agri-tourism to the list of local visitor draws, giving tourists another reason to come to the area, stay longer, and spend more. In short, for both residents and visitors, Terrace Mountain Alpacas will be a shear delight.

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